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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
120TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 119, L.D. 123, "RESOLUTION, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require Signatures From All Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions"

Amend the resolution by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Require Signatures From 10 of the 16 Counties on Direct Initiative Petitions'

Further amend the resolution by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 21-A MRSA §903-B is enacted to read:

§903-B. Signature distribution

Petitions circulated for the direct initiation of legislation as provided by the Constitution of Maine, Article IV, Part Third, Section 18 must include signatures from at least 10 of the State's 16 counties. The number of petition signatures from each of those counties must equal 5% of the vote for Governor cast in that county in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of the petition to directly initiate legislation.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

SUMMARY

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This amendment replaces the original resolution by amending the statutes governing the circulation of petitions that directly initiate legislation. This amendment requires that petitions circulated to directly initiate legislation include signatures from 10 of the State's 16 counties. The number of petition signatures collected in those counties must equal 5% of the vote for Governor cast in that county in the last gubernatorial election preceding the filing of that petition.